

**Public Comments of
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Concerning Michigan House Bills 4105 and 4335
On June 7, 2017**

I have lived in Southfield, Michigan for nearly 30 years peacefully among my neighbors from all parts of the world. Never in those 30 years has immigration been an issue; until now as I watch Michigan Republicans do the dirty work of the Trump administration by attempting to reach deep into the heart of my community with racist, anti immigration laws that would make every city employee a de facto federal immigration officer. The ill-willed hostility imposed on my community by these laws would change the very nature by which we in Southfield have chosen to peacefully live together.

I am also the owner of Zill Computer and Engineering, Inc. (Zillce) a small software engineering company that has employed and contracted with many citizen and immigrant software professionals that chose to come to Southfield. That was made possible by the welcoming nature of my community. Without those talented and hardworking neighbors and coworkers Zillce could never have achieved the degree of economic success or contributed to the economy to the degree that we did. This included building inventory control systems using hand-held wireless device technology 20 years before the iPhone. Our systems have been used to track and manage manufacturing inventories and hazardous waste throughout North America and the world.

One immigrant employee of 14 years was essential to our success. With Zillce's sponsorship he worked his way through the immigration process to become a permanent resident. He would have never stayed those 14 years and brought his wife and son to Southfield had it not been a welcoming place for immigrants. Unless you have lived and worked with immigrants you can not know the degree to which they cherish welcoming neighbors, co-workers and communities. I also employed summer interns from the University of Michigan. One I recently spoke with has been working as a software engineer in Austin, Texas since graduation and has recently made plans to leave Texas. Why? Because of the passage of Texas' anti immigration Senate Bill 4. Don't turn Michigan into a place where sorely needed talented professionals steer clear (as cautioned by Texas businessman Michael Dell per attached May 27, 2017 letter).

Michigan House Bills 4105 and 4335 are not about illegal immigration. They are about racism and fear exploited by the Trump administration. Do not do their dirty work by passing these bills. Do the right thing by letting Michigan communities continue to live in peace. Federal immigration officials can continue to do their job without usurping our limited local resources. With USC 8 Section 1373 currently federal law, which local law enforcement follows, Michigan House Bills 4105 and 4335 are not needed and will give Michigan a black eye while harming our economy and local communities.

May 27, 2017

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor's Office
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Dear Governor Abbott,

We are writing to express our steadfast opposition to the introduction and passage of any discriminatory legislation in Texas. Such laws are bad for our employees and bad for business.

As large employers in the state, we are gravely concerned that any such legislation would deeply tarnish Texas' reputation as open and friendly to businesses and families. Our ability to attract, recruit and retain top talent, encourage new business relocations, expansions and investment, and maintain our economic competitiveness would all be negatively affected.

Discrimination is wrong and it has no place in Texas or anywhere in our country. Our perspective is grounded in our values and our long-held commitment to diversity and inclusion.

We strongly urge you and the Texas legislature not to further pursue legislation of this kind.

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